ment of fuel price variation on monthly basis. The tariff for Hydro Power Stations of NHPC are on single part basis covering Annual Fixed Charge (Rs./Crore/Year).

(b) The main reasons for the deficit of power in many States, inter-alia, are resource crunch with the State Governments, financial health of SEBs, shortfall in the capacity addition, slow execution of the on-going projects, low utilisation of the existing capacity and high transmission and distribution losses in the system etc..

(c) The power is supplied by the Central Sector Generating Stations to the SEBs/States as per the tariff notification issued by the Central Government under section 43A (2) of the Electricity Supply Act, 1948 and there is no provision for any subsidised rate.

Power requirement of North-Eastern States

*280. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the requirement of electricity of Assam and other North-Eastern States, during the next five years in KWs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure generation of required quantum of electricity as per prescribed time limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The 15th Electrict Power Survey of India carried out by the Central Electricity Authority has assessed the requirement of electricity of Assam and other North-Eastern States from 1996-97 to 2000-01. The details are as per statement. *(See below)*

(c) The steps taken to ensure availability of required quantum of electricity include creation of additional generation capacity and improvement in operational parameters, reduction in T&D losses. Renovation and Modernisation programme at various power stations. Energy conservation and strengthening of the grid to provide for inter-state and inter-regional exchange of power.

Statement

Statewise energy requirement for North-Eastern Region

(In Million Kwh)

States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
	——ESTIMATED——				
Arunachal Pradesh	188	214	242	273	307
Assam	3485	3775	4132	4427	4710
Manipur	404	452	504	563	629
Meghalaya	434	473	521	561	600
Mizoram	232	270	339	396	449
Nagaland	188	203	219	235	251
Tripura	419	468	521	579	642
TOTAL	5350	5855	6478	7034	7588

BASIS: Fifteenth electric power survey of India by Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power Government of India, New Delhi, July-1995.